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DEPT OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:MPOL, US, UR

SUBJECT:WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO THE USSR

REF: (A) MOSCOW 5868, (B) NDU 282150Z MAR 78

1. AMERICAN TRAVEL ASSOCIATION, WASHINGTON, D.C. AGENT  
FOR INTOURIST ADVISED AT 1100 EST, APRIL 4 THAT CABLE  
FROM INTOURIST MOSCOW SAID THAT DUE TO SEVERE OVERBOOKING  
IN ALL THREE CITIES (MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, KIEV) NDU TRAVEL  
GROUP WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO USSR AS OF NOW.  
INTOURIST ALSO STATED THAT INTOURIST WAS CONTINUING TO  
LOOK FOR AVAILABLE SPACE, IMPLYING THAT TRAVEL MAY STILL  
BE FEASIBLE. FURTHER, SOVIET CONSULATE HAS INFORMED DEPT  
AND TRAVEL AGENT THAT IT IS PREPARED TO ISSUE VISAS AS  
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SOON AS INTOURIST ISSUE NUMBER RECEIVED.

2. NDU MOST ANXIOUS TO VISIT USSR. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE  
TO GAIN INTOURIST APPROVAL BELIEVED ESSENTIAL TO SUSTAIN-  
ING VISIT. NDU PREFERS PROPOSED ITINERARY BUT IS PRE-  
PARED TO ACCEPT CHANGES IF NECESSARY TO PRESERVE TRIP.  
EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INTERVENE WITH INTOURIST AND/OR

APPROPRIATE SOVIET MINISTRIES TO OBTAIN NECESSARY IN-TOURIST APPROVAL.

3. IN ORDER TO FOLLOW PRESENT SCHEDULE AND OBTAIN VISAS, INTOURIST PERMISSION MUST BE RECEIVED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON APRIL 7. (FYI, NDU TRAVEL PERIOD IS BETWEEN APRIL 9-22, SO START OF TRIP COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL APRIL 14.)

4. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT EMBASSY RESPONSE. VANCE

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